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[NOTE: If you are a regular reader of DXLD, and a source of DX news but have not been sending it directly to us, please consider yourself obligated to do so. Thanks, Glenn]

WORLD OF RADIO ON RADIO STUDIO X, MOMIGNO, ITALY

Massimiliano Marchi of Radio Studio X has offered to broadcast WORLD OF RADIO on MW 1584 with 6 kW covering the Firenze area and low-power FM relays in Tuscany on 87.35, 96.55 and 105.55 MHz, Saturdays at 12:30 am local, or UT Fridays 2230, starting either Sept. 7-8 or 14-15; see <http://www.radiostudiox.it> for more info, and we will be glad to hear from new listeners via these outlets. 1584 has C-QUAM AM stereo, tho WOR is produced in mono. Also webcasts via Live365.com (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO)

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(SUMMARY) <http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/wor1095.html>

** AZERBAIJAN. Hi Glenn, I feel very embarrassed and so sorry for a mistake here. In your DXLD 1116 you quoted my listening to Azerbaijan, the Voice of Azerbaijan. By a misprint I reported it on 9915; should be 9155 kHz of course. I don't know is there a point for correction at this stage?! I am getting old...hi 73 (Torre Ekblom, Finland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No problem! The problem would be in the case of some other DXers/editors who make a mistake and hope no one will notice, won't issue a correction. In a transposition case like this, it could have been a punch-up error at the station. It is never too late to make a correction: we want the right info, later if not sooner (gh, DXLD)

** BELGIUM [and non]. Now that RVI will discontinue all transmissions via Wavre, I wonder whether or not RTBF will continue on 9970? As far as I know, the VRT and RTBF transmitters at Wavre are strictly separated, so it is well possible that RTBF will continue, especially since the shortwave site probably also houses the 621 mediumwave transmitter. Anyhow no big surprise, some RVI transmissions were

already transferred to Jülich; this site and perhaps extended usage of Russian facilities can certainly ensure an uncurtailed and technical-wise even better service for Europe. Perhaps RVI will in fact take over transmission hours at Jülich which are to be abandoned by SRI (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BIAFRA [non]. I heard the Voice of Biafra International on 12120 kHz on the 1st of September 2001, when they had their first transmission 1900-2000. Time signal and a welcome ID was followed by music, a short religious message and a very long political speech, all in English. Reception was quite good and with no interference. It improved after 1930, when there was also a very weak telegraphy transmitter on the frequency. Postal address to write to? Nothing on their web about the address! Best wishes and 73 from (Björn Fransson, the island of Gotland in the Baltic Sea of Sweden, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

01.! / Hello from Portugal! In response to Björn Fransson's question about the Voice of Biafra International's postal address, I heard them announce the following address for listeners' mail at the end of their first broadcast on 1st September:

733 15th Street NW, 3700 Washington DC 20005, USA.
[or 16th Street? See below]

Judging from the Russian interval signals I heard as part of the same transmission on 12120 kHz just before and after the Voice of Biafra International programme at UT 1859 and 1959, the transmitter is most probably located in Russia or one of the former Soviet republics. Besides English I heard Voice of Biafra International programming towards the end of the broadcast in an African language, probably Igbo.

Reception here in Portugal varied between SINPO 43443 - 42432 with some utility QRM, but generally Voice of Biafra International's signal was easily readable.

Note: the Biafra national anthem that was played in the first minutes of the inaugural broadcast is none other than the famous Finnish composer Jean Sibelius' classical masterpiece "Finlandia"!!! I wonder what made the Biafrans choose a Finnish composition as their national anthem back in the 1960's... 73 de (Mika Palo, formerly Finland - nowadays QTH Tomar, Portugal, hard-core-dx via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

The tune has been used by Christians for various hymns, so that may explain it (gh, DXLD)

Hi Glenn, Michael Ford, Staffordshire, UK posted this to the World DX Club email group, note there is a difference in the street number compared to the Hard Core DX report. (Mike Barraclough)

Voice of Biafra International. Date: Sun, Sep 2, 2001, 11:00

Hi All, Last night I heard the first transmission of a new station called "The Voice of Biafra International" on 12120 kHz at 1900-2000z. The programme opened with an interval signal then male announcer with English identification and QRFs [?] followed by a review of local news and commentaries. Some of the talks were in Igbo --- a local vernacular. This continued to 1995 when the email address, snail mail address and URL were given several times in both languages. At the end of the transmission the interval signal was played a couple of times then the station went off. Based on the interval signals, frequency and signal strength I think the relay site was J,lich Germany (I'm trying to get this confirmed). The objectives of the station are stated to be the seeking of an independent Biafra through peaceful means only. email address biafraland@biafraland.com Snail mail address =
Voice of Biafra International
733 16th Street North West 3700
Washington DC 20005
URL <http://www.biafraland.com>
(via Mike Barraclough, WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Biafra-QSL and background info

I just got this e-mail from oguchi@pacbell.net in response to my e-mail reception report to Voice of Biafra International. It includes info on a new frequency for this coming Saturday's broadcast.

Hello, Mika: Thank you so much for listening, monitoring and confirming our broadcast! Voice of Biafra International is owned and produced by Igbo organizations focused on actualizing Biafra.

We buy airtime from a broadcasting station --- we would like to own our own station someday.

Yes, we are continuing the ongoing struggle started over 30 years ago by Nigeria against us Biafrans; the ugliness has never ceased since then. We shall, in the end, vanquish. I am not sure how our Biafran National anthem is sung a la Finlandia, but it is appropriate. The words are at our website.

We also have more information there: <http://www.biafraland.com>
Thank you, again, Sir. Our next broadcast will be same time, but on 12125 (instead of 12120) kHz. See you then! Oguchi Nkwocha, MD, A

Biafran Citizen (M. Palo, Portugal, September 6, 2001 for CRW via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 3343.89, Radio Ayopaya (tentative) 0930-0955 Sept 3, Andean music, woman announcer in Vernacular language. Good signal peak at grayline but no ID heard. Fading by 1000.

6085.15, Radio San Miguel (tentative) 0915 Sept 3, Announcer in Vernacular language, ads, Andean music, raspy audio. Fair signal (Mark Mohrmann, VT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURUNDI. R. Burundi has reactivated its transmitter on 6140. This has been erratic for many years, particularly recently. It is now operating slightly off-channel on around 6140.2, which may be an aid to identifying it. Unfortunately, the audio level is rather low and the transmitter's operation continues to be highly irregular, so even in Nairobi reception remains unreliable (Chris Greenway, East African Report, Sept BDXC Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

** CANADA. CRTC renews RCI's Sackville transmitter CKCX for 7 years This is a really old callsign, in the days when each RCi frequency was given call letters

From a 1945 program guide:

CHOL 11920 kHz

CKCX 15190 kHz

CKNC 17820 kHz

(International Radio Report, CKUT, Sept 2 via Ricky Leong, DXLD)

Ha! My memory of CKCX being the 15190 callsign is confirmed (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

** CANADA. This Saturday we are back for another new season of Quirks & Quarks and can you believe it, this is my tenth season with the show! How time flies. Speaking of time, our feature story this week is titled: "It's About Time - Inside the 4th Dimension:" We take a look at one of the great mysteries of physics: the nature of time. You might think that time is marching steadily forward. But is it? Almost a hundred years ago, Einstein showed that time could be stretched or shrunk. Today, some scientists think there are areas of our universe where time is flowing backwards, and time travel might be possible. Others are questioning whether time really exists at all. Plus - exciting new stem cell research from McGill University. All that and more, on Quirks & Quarks, Saturday right after the noon news on CBC Radio One (Q&Q mailing list Sept 5 via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

** CANADA [and non]. Following page has links to some photos of participants at the late-August HF Coordination Conference in

Montreal, not all of them adequately identified. But you may find your favorite frequency manager and Bernd Friedewald among them:

<http://www.hfcc.org/montreal.html>

(via Sheldon Harvey, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA/USA. China close to opening doors to US TV

China's TV broadcasting sector is close to opening the door to foreign entertainment companies in the immediate future, as negotiations between the industry watchdog and two US media giants reach their final stage.

The State Administration of Radio, Film and Television on 5 September stated its negotiations with AOL-Time Warner and News Corp may be finalized soon, the China Daily newspaper reported.

The administration's head, Xu Guangchun, said that the two companies will be allowed to directly send TV programmes to residents in some parts of south China's Guangdong Province, the paper reported.

In return, the two have to guarantee that an English language channel, run by China Central TV (CCTV), will be broadcast and accessible to all US TV watchers, the Daily said. Channel 9, of CCTV, is a newly launched English language channel that mainly provide news and cultural programmes.

If the plans are finalized, it will be a major breakthrough in the country's TV broadcasting sector, as foreign companies are currently banned from entering this field.

The paper said that although more than 20 overseas TV channels, including HBO, Discovery, Star TV and CNBC, can be received by mainland hotels with three stars or above, this would be the first time that the average resident will legally be able to receive overseas channels at home.

AOL-Time Warner and News Corp will mainly provide entertainment-related programmes, Xu told the Daily.

Source: China Daily web site, Beijing, in English 6 Sep 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

How about that?! CCTV-9 will soon be *broadcast* and accessible to *all* US TV watchers! Not even domestic networks, especially cable channels, can make such a claim (gh, DXLD)

Hmmm. How will this work, should the content offend one or the other nationality? (Deb Jones, CAJ-L moderator)

TV Firms Near Deal to Broadcast Into China

After a series of recent meetings with top-level Chinese officials, AOL Time Warner Inc. and News Corp. said they were nearing a deal that would allow them to directly broadcast television programs in China if they agree to beam Chinese government-sponsored content into the United States.

<http://tm0.com/IHT/sbct.cgi?s=174818420&i=387034&d=1740001>

(via Ricky Leong, QC, Sept 6, DXLD)

** CHINA [non]. I've managed to find CRI English to NAM at 0100. It used to be on Cuban relay 9570. Now moved up to 9580. It does not always start up on time. There's splash from 9575 in Arabic. Also a warble in the CRI audio. Should try 9585 (Bob Thomas, CT, Aug 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR. Confirmed active: 5066 R. Candip; 6713.3 Bukavu (Chris Greenway, Kenya, East African Report, Sept BDXC Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

** CUBA. Did anyone catch the Radio Habana Cuba news broadcast last night? They were poking fun at Americans for a news story in the Weekly World News (that goofy one that sells at the checkout counter at your local friendly grocery store). It had a story that said the Cubans were creating the shark attacks to strike fear into Americans. They actually mentioned that it was discussed on their TV station as an honest to God news story! Hilarious! acs (A. C. Smith, Sept 6, DX-398 Users Group via DXLD)

** CUBA. Re <http://www.radiohc.cu/audiorhc.html> Channel 1 worked OK on first attempt. When clicking on Channel 2 I had an error message. Test was done at 1855 UTC Sept 3 RHC uses Windows Mediaplayer. (/H Klemetz, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Still got File Format Is Invalid, clicking on Canal 1 at 0120 UT Sept 4 (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. Radio Rebelde available on Internet

Cuba's government radio station Radio Rebelde has announced that its broadcasts are now available on the Internet at

<http://www.radiorebelde.com.cu> and

<http://www.radiorebelde.cubaweb.cu>. BBC Monitoring found that these links were working at 1200 gmt on 4 September. Source: Radio Rebelde, Havana, in Spanish 1700 gmt 29 Aug 01 (BBCM via DXLD)

** CUBA. Radio Cadena Agramonte to go digital

Cuba's Radio Rebelde has reported that Radio Cadena Agramonte is among the first broadcasters in the country to go completely digital in the production and broadcast of its programmes. Rebelde said the move was part of a national radio modernization programme. Source: Radio Rebelde, Havana, in Spanish 1000 gmt 5 Sep 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

Digital production? Maybe. Digital broadcast? I seriously doubt it. If so, is it DRM standards, or US IBOC??? Frequencies?? (gh, DXLD)

** CZECH REPUBLIC. "As long as we exist, we will be using short-wave"

Well today, August 31st, marks Radio Prague's 65th birthday -- and the anniversary is an opportunity not only to look back at the past, but also look to its present position in the media world as well as its perspectives for the future. So, how does the station's director, Miroslav Krupicka see Radio Prague today? Olga Szantova spoke with him to find out.

"Radio Prague is a medium-sized international broadcaster now. We are one channel of Czech public radio, and I think that after a shaky period in the early 90s, our position is now stable, or solid. We have survived those uncertain times. I think we are quite a modern and well working broadcaster. We use various technologies, of course as media we are still using shortwave, that's the basic medium that we use, internet, satellite system, and so on. We are looking into new technologies, such as Digital Radio Mondial, because Am and shortwaves are going to be digitised soon.

"Shortwave broadcasting, which used to be the only way of transmitting our programmes, is now only one of many systems. Some listeners are worried that shortwave could be discontinued altogether.

"As long as we exist, we will be using short-wave, because in the near future there is no alternative, no sensible alternative to short-wave broadcasting as far as international broadcasting is concerned. Shortwave is the main medium that we use."

We asked Miroslav what the long term future of Radio Prague was.

"I have to say that I see the future of Radio Prague, of such a medium size international broadcaster in international co-operation, or maybe co-production. We are a part of World Radio Network. It's a British international company that re-broadcasts parts of our programs in English, French, German and so on, and it, in a way, unites us with other broadcasters, at least European and sometimes

international broadcasters, and that's, I think, where we are going to in the future. We won't be able to survive on our own, we have to co-operate, unite, and maybe form regional, or rather international groupings, or big size organisations that are going to be a part of the information highway."

Will that eventually mean the end of Radio Prague?

"No, no. I think we'll always have a role to play. We've got interesting history, interesting culture, a place in Europe, so a small voice will always be a part of this international organism in the future and we'll always be a part of Europe."

From <http://www.radio.cz/english> (via Sergei Sosedkin, Sept 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. Opposition web site launched | Excerpt from press release in English by Eritrea1.org on 1 September

A new web site, <http://Eritrea1.org>, [that's figure one after the a -- gh] commences service today [1 September], to become another stage where all citizens can engage in discourse and argument, to help in the transition toward the Eritrea we wish for, the land of peace, justice, democracy, under the following guidelines. To enable the participation of all Eritreans and other interested individuals it shall have Tigriyna, Arabic and English content. To remain open for all citizens to post their opinions without political restriction, to permit argument, it shall maintain political independence. It shall provide news, commentary and editorial pieces about Eritrea from within and outside Eritrea. Because our differences should strengthen our unity and integrity as a people, it shall discourage posts, from Eritreans or others that aim to disrupt our unity, are sub national, dogmatic or factional. Since the struggle for democracy and justice is never ending, we call on every Eritrean, with the interest of our people at heart, to offer your best and enrich this website. Eritrea1.org wishes to thank our sister Eritrean web site <http://Asmarino.com> for granting this opportunity to introduce our service to visitors of their website. Source: Asmarino web site in English 1 Sep 01 (via BBCM via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Glenn, An announcement at the opposition web site at <http://www.geocities.com/malula86/> says the new station Voice of Tigrayans from North America will start broadcasting on 8 September [Sat] at 1700-1800 gmt on 12110 kHz (presumably from a Russian site). I guess this means they have realized that, propagationally, a north-south path from Russia to Ethiopia makes more sense than their tests to date from WWCR (probably cheaper too). In case you were wondering, the conversion they give to Ethiopian time (2 to 3 p.m.) is correct

as, like the Swahilis, they start counting from sunrise or sunset, not noon (Chris Greenway, Kenya, Sept 5, WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GABON/FRANCE. French minister discusses Africa No 1 issue | Excerpt from report by Gabonese Africa No 1 radio on 5 September

Charles Josselin, the French minister delegate for cooperation, was yesterday in Franceville, southwest of Gabon, where he was received by Gabonese President Omar Bongo. On the occasion, several current issues were discussed. It must be stated that the long-standing relations between the two countries are multi-faceted. Among the issues discussed was that concerning communication and, in particular, the future of France's participation in Africa No 1 radio station's capital.

It is known that Sofirad, the state company that represented the French interests, is now being privatized and in this perspective, the French government has decided to transfer France's 40 per cent participation to Radio France Internationale [RFI]. According to Gabonese government sources, this proposal has been welcomed with some reservation as Africa No 1 radio is an RFI's competitor on the African continent. On this issue, Charles Josselin has given assurances for a quick conclusion of the current discussions over France's participation.

[Josselin - recording] I have made fresh proposals. The minister of state in charge of this sector was asked by President Bongo to respond quickly --- and this is our wish --- to these new proposals that the minister has considered as a significant breakthrough for a solution acceptable to both parties. So, I am very optimistic about the conclusion of this matter, which is not actually a dispute, but only that we have delayed in finding a solution and I think this solution is now in sight [End of recording] ...

Source: Africa No 1 radio, Libreville, in French 1200 gmt 5 Sep 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** GERMANY. SFB, ORB radio stations to merge by 2004 | Excerpt from report by German newspaper Handelsblatt on 29 August

The Sender Freies Berlin (SFB) and Ostdeutscher Rundfunk Brandenburg (ORB) radio stations are planning to merge by 1 January 2004. At a special session of the SFB Radio Council in Berlin yesterday, Director Horst Schötte briefed the participants on the state of the talks with the land governments. Observers have said that the new Social Democratic Party of Germany [SPD]-led Berlin Senate has paved the way for speeding up the process. It is expected that the Länder

parliaments in Potsdam and Berlin will sign the necessary state treaty by the end of 2002. SFB Director Schüttle and his ORB counterpart, Hansjürgen Rosenbauer, expect the merger to help reduce costs significantly. Yet, no detailed figures were given yesterday... Source: Handelsblatt, Düsseldorf, in German 29 Aug 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** GUYANA. 3291.36, GBC 0923 Sept 3, Announcer in English with "The Earlybird Show", birthday greetings and ID in passing. Western pop and Subcontinental vocals. Powerful signal. Excellent reception (Mark Mohrmann, VT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. For you friends of AIR: a very little known and seldom reported frequency for AIR is 10330 kHz. No English here but the "Vividh Bharati" service. TX sites are various: Madras (they call that Chennai nowadays), Delhi, Gauhati, Bombay (or Mumbai - what's wrong with good ole Bombay ???) and (I believe) Aligarh as well. Between 0100 and 1730 UT there's always the one or other TX on the air. Contrary to what some lists say, the language used is not always Hindi. Apart from Hindi, they often have Bengali, Baluchi, and Tamil programs. Once I've even heard a short Nepali segment. Thought some of you might be interested... OK, RNZI is on now on 15160. Got to get back to the radios. 73 de (Thomas, DL1CQ, Roth, FISTS #6402, CC #1036 AGCW-DL #2943 52:27N - 09:42E <http://www.qsl.net/dl4obn> swl@qth.net via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. Per verie letter from Murniaty Y Oesin, Transmission Dept Manager, RRI Palangkaraya broadcasts daily 2200-1600 on 3325. The operate two SW transmitters, a 50 kW NEC HFB3074 and a Harris BC-10H of 10 kW, feeding an omni-directional antenna. No info on operational schedule of these two transmitters (George Brown, Sept British DX Club Communication via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. Voice of Indonesia is the external service of Radio Republik Indonesia (RRI). This schedule is based on monitoring observations and information supplied by the broadcaster. Some broadcasts are relayed in Jakarta on FM 88.95 MHz. Languages: Arabic, English, French, German, Indonesian, Japanese, Malay, Mandarin, Spanish, Thai
Address : Medan Merdeka Barat 4-5, PO Box 1157, Jakarta, Indonesia.
Tel : + 62 21 345 6811 Fax : + 62 21 352 0585
E-mail : nastami@yahoo.com (Information Officer)
Web Site : <http://www.rrionline.com>

0030-0100	Daily	SPANISH	Am	9.525	11.785
0100-0200	Daily	ENGLISH	AsAm	9.525	11.785
0200-0300	Daily	INDONESIAN	AsAm	9.525	11.785
0300-0400	Daily	ARABIC	ME	9.525	11.785

0800-0900	Daily	ENGLISH	AsAu	9.525
0900-1000	Daily	MALAY	As	9.525
1000-1030	Daily	THAI	As	9.525
1030-1130	Daily	MANDARIN	As	9.525
1130-1200	Daily	JAPANESE	As	9.525
1200-1300	Daily	INDONESIAN	MEAs	9.525
1730-1800	Daily	SPANISH	Eu	15.150
1800-1900	Daily	GERMAN	Eu	15.150
1900-2000	Daily	FRENCH	EuME	15.150
2000-2100	Daily	ENGLISH	EuME	15.150

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RRI Jakarta Programa 3. Comments: Programming consists of news, information and politics. Languages: Indonesian
 Address : Jl. Medan Merdeka Barat No 4-5, Jakarta 10110
 Tel : +62 (0) 21 384-2083 ext 528
 Fax : +62 (0) 21 352 0585 E-mail : nastami@yahoo.com
 Web Site : <http://www.rrionline.com>

0000-2359	Daily	INDONESIAN Domestic	1.332 4.777-irreg
0000-0025	Daily	National network news	15.125 104.1
0100-0200	.MTuWThF.	Political discussion prog	
0300-0310	Daily	Capital city news	
0400-0410	Daily	National news	
0500-0520	Daily	Information prog	
0600-0625	Daily	National network news	
0700-0710	Daily	News	
0900-0910	Daily	Capital city news	
0912-1000	.MTuWThFSa	Parliamentary news	
1100-1125	Daily	World news	
1200-1225	Daily	National network news	
1300-1310	.MTuWThF.	Business news	
1400-1410	Daily	Capital city news	
1500-1510	Daily	Main Evening national news	
1600-1610	Daily	News	
1700-1705	Daily	News	
1800-1805	Daily	News	
1900-1905	Daily	News in brief	
2000-2005	Daily	News	
2100-2105	Daily	News	
2200-2210	Daily	Central national news	
2300-2315	Daily	Capital city news	

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RRI Jakarta Programa 5. Comments: Programming consists of entertainment and education. Languages : Indonesian

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Web Site : <http://www.rrionline.com>

0000-0200	Daily	INDONESIAN	Domestic	9.680 93.2
0000-0025	Daily	News (relay of Programa 3 network news)		
0800-1300	Daily	INDONESIAN	Domestic	9.680 93.2
1200-1225	Daily	News (relay of Programme 3 network news)		
2150-2359	Daily	INDONESIAN	Domestic	9.680 93.2

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[BBCM also issued schedules for Programas 1, 2, 4 and 6, but no SW frequencies are shown for them - gh]

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. Read an interesting profile of the man behind Sirius satellite radio [David Margolese]. Follow this link: http://www.robmagazine.com/servlet/GIS.Servlets.HTMLTemplate?tf=robm/full_story/columnFullStory.html&cf=robm/neutral.cfg&configFileLoc=robm/config&date=&dateOffset=35&query=class+%3Ccontains%3E+robm+%3Cand%3E+logo+%3Ccontains%3E+Snapshot¤t_row=1&start_row=1&num_rows=1
If this doesn't work, go to the Globe and Mail Report on Business website <http://www.robmagazine.com/> then click on the full table of contents for September, and scroll down the "Snapshots" and select the article "Radio Flyer" by Simon Houpt (Ricky Leong, WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DX LISTENING DIGEST) rob = Report on Business, heh, heh (gh)

** IRAQ [non]. Iraq/USA: Opposition INC says Liberty TV starts formally | Text of press release from the London-based Iraqi National Congress opposition group on 3 September

London, 3 September 2001: The Iraqi National Congress (INC) has begun satellite television broadcasting to Iraq.

The first broadcast of Television Hurriah (Liberty TV) contains extracts of a recent secretly filmed video of the marshes in southern Iraq showing Iraqi military movements, villages that have been destroyed and evidence of the environmental devastation caused by Saddam's dam projects.

Liberty TV is currently broadcasting one hour of programming, to be repeated several times throughout the day. This will develop in the near future to a 24-hour schedule. The one-hour broadcast consists of news and information programs of interest to the Iraqi people.

Liberty TV is broadcast on the T12 satellite at 15 degrees west and 12.599 GHz [vertical polarization]. Liberty TV will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.inc.org.uk>

INC leadership spokesman Sharif Ali Bin Al-Hussein said: "We are proud to begin broadcasting uncensored news to the Iraqi people. For too long the people of Iraq have been denied access to free information. This is an exciting opportunity for the INC to provide essential information to the millions of Iraqi citizens living under Saddam's dictatorship. Our broadcasts will be an important element in the Iraqi people's struggle to remove Saddam from power and bring him to justice".

For further information please call the INC press office on 020 7584 0555 or e-mail pressoffice@inc.org.uk.

Source: Iraqi National Congress press release, London, in English 3 Sep 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

Analysis: USA funds Iraqi opposition satellite TV broadcasts | Text of editorial analysis by BBC Monitoring's Foreign Media Unit on 6 September

The London-based Iraqi National Congress (INC), a US-funded umbrella organization of groups opposed to President Saddam Husayn, in mid-August began satellite TV test broadcasts targeted at listeners inside Iraq.

On 3 September the INC said the new station, which calls itself Liberty TV, had formally started broadcasting.

An INC press release said: "The first broadcast of Television Hurriyah (Liberty TV) contains extracts of a recent secretly filmed video of the marshes in southern Iraq showing Iraqi military movements, villages that have been destroyed and evidence of the environmental devastation caused by Saddam's dam projects.

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"Liberty TV is broadcast on the T12 [Telstar 12] satellite at 15 degrees west and 12.599 GHz [vertical polarization]. Liberty TV will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.inc.org.uk>."

The broadcasts, approved earlier this summer by the Bush administration, will be produced in studios in London. "The tab is

2.7m dollars a year, including 1.2m dollars for satellite time and 1.5m dollars for programming and studio use," according to a report on the INC web site.

A spokesman for the US State Department, Philip Reeker, said that although Washington was providing the 2.7m-dollar annual budget, the INC retained complete editorial control over the programming. "We think the people of Iraq deserve the opportunity to have programming that reflects truth, that reflects news about events in the world, things they are unable to get under the oppressive regime of Saddam Husayn," the US spokesman added.

Other satellite TV broadcasts are already widely viewed in the Kurdish-controlled areas of northern Iraq, where some 60 per cent of the population have satellite dishes, compared with about 20 per cent in Baghdad or southern Iraq.

Nevertheless, as INC sources told the London-based newspaper Al-Quds al-Arabi on 29 August, the organization is counting on its programmes being watched in the Iraqi capital and surrounding cities. These are the areas "where the educated and well-to-do Iraqi elite lives, including people directly connected with political and military circles who might be influenced by the Iraqi opposition's television broadcasts and be encouraged to change the situation".

Responding to a question on the extent to which the Iraqi authorities control the use of satellite dishes in Iraq, INC spokesman Al-Sharif Ali Bin al-Husayn told the London-based newspaper Al-Sharq al-Awsat: "We are sure that the majority of the Iraqis use these dishes secretly. Government and military officials and party members can view satellite channels. As part of our plan, we will address these officials to expose the nature of the regime they are serving."

But the broadcasts may be difficult to receive in Iraq for technical reasons. Liberty TV has rented a transponder on the Telstar 12 satellite, owned by Loral Skynet, a US communications company. As Voice of America's "Communications World" programme noted, Telstar 12 is a trans-Atlantic link satellite. It can only uplink from the Americas and only be received in Europe and the Middle East. "This would make it difficult for Iraq to jam, because the interfering signal would have to come from the Americas. On the other hand... the location of Telstar 12 at 15 degrees west means that it will be located at a low angle in Iraq," close to the western horizon.

Liberty TV could be unavailable to many people in the region because of the obscure satellite chosen and the digital signal - many receivers are still analogue.

Observers also question whether the opposition will be able to have a significant impact on Iraq's political structure through a satellite channel. Source: BBC Monitoring research 6 Sep 01

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** JAPAN. Japanese experimental station JG2XA researching HF Doppler shift:

The University of Electronics and Communications in Tokyo reportedly has begun experimental short-wave transmissions to research high-frequency Doppler shift (HFD). Researchers have set up an experimental station using the call sign JG2XA and began regular transmissions on July 3. Frequencies are 5006 and 8006 kHz. The station transmits an unmodulated carrier 24 hours a day and identifies in Morse at least every 30 minutes: "JG2XA JG2XA JG2XA UEC HFD STATION." (Australia Q-News via ARRL September 5 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DXLD)

** JAPAN [and non]. September 4, 2001. Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to much appreciate your great cooperation as our monitor. Please be advised that, regarding Radio Japan's broadcasts via Sri Lanka (Ekala) to Southwest Asia and Middle East & North Africa, from Tuesday September 4, 2001 to Sunday September 9, 2001, Radio Japan will broadcast the following schedule by substituted relay points due to a power cut by local electricity shortage.

Tuesday September 4, 2001 to Sunday September 9, 2001 (Japan Standard time: JST)

<Time & frequencies>

00:00am - 02:00am (JST) 12045 kHz General service in Japanese for Southwest Asia Relay from Yamata, Japan from September 4 to September 5 [1500-1700 UT]

02:00am - 04:00am (JST) 11880 kHz General service in Japanese for Middle East & North Africa Relay from Merlin's facility at Al Dhabbaya (UAE) [1700-1900 UT]

We have been informed that they may have a power cut for a period after September 5, 2001 at 21:30 pm - 23:00 pm and 22:00 pm - 23:30 pm [sic] (JST). If this schedule will be in effect, we will broadcast Bengali, Hindi and Urdu service for Southwest Asia relayed from Yamata, Japan.

In addition, after Monday September 10, 2001, this power-cut situation might be extended. We will keep you informed for further information. We apologize for such inconvenience and thank you for

your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely yours, Monitoring Section, Radio Japan, fax 81-3-3481-1877

(via El Nino Electronics DX Club, KISHALAY, COLLEGE ROAD, SILIGURI-734401 INDIA via Richard Jary, ARDXC via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

** KENYA. The filling up of FM has been matched by an emptying of the local shortwave band. Since arriving back in Nairobi at the end of July I have not heard any shortwave broadcasts from Kenya at all. According to the engineering page of the KBC's web site <http://www.kbc.co.ke/technical.asp> the station is still broadcasting on a single SW frequency, 4885. However, my observations indicate this is not the case. Quite a change from the early 1990s when the KBC used to transmit on four SW frequencies simultaneously, making use of the 4, 6 and 7 MHz bands at various times of the day. Kenya has now joined a number of African countries that have left SW either temporarily or for good (Chris Greenway, East African Report, Sept BDXC Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

4915.0 KCBS [sic] Nairobi 0350 talk in Vernacular, rather weak and QRMd by strong carrier on same frequency (Thomas Roth, Germany, Sept 5, swl@qth.net via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

** LIBERIA. Government wants court to dismiss Catholic Church radio lawsuit | Text of report in English from Pan-African news agency PANA web site on 4 September

Monrovia, Liberia: Liberia's state attorneys have filed a motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed against the government by the Catholic Church to restore its radio broadcast rights, press reports said here Tuesday [4 September].

The lawyers are contending the issues raised in the church's lawsuit were "constitutional matters" which are "not cognizable" before the civil law court, a lower court, where the suit was filed.

The counsels argue that only the Supreme Court can decide "constitutional matters", and as such the presiding judge has no jurisdiction in the matter and should therefore dismiss it.

The church [on] 20 August filed a petition for a "declaration judgment" for government to return the shortwave rights of Radio Veritas it revoked last July.

Radio Veritas is owned and operated by the church in Liberia, and is generally considered the leading independent radio station in the country.

President Charles Taylor said the station's licence was revoked because operating a shortwave frequency in Liberia was "a privilege and not a right". The church said the action by government to revoke the licence was a violation of the Liberian constitution, which guarantees the "right to freedom of expression". The presiding judge is expected to assign the case to determine whether or not the matter is above the court's jurisdiction.

This is the second time in less than two years that the government has acted to shut down Radio Veritas.

Already, a plethora of condemnations have come from local and international circles against the government's move to deprive the church of its radio licence.

The government had registered the radio station's shortwave frequency for 2001 and collected over 7,000 US dollars in taxes and other levies.

Source: PANA news agency web site, Dakar, in English 4 Sep 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** LUXEMBOURG. Re: RTL on short wave.

Both the 49 m and the 19 m short wave services were taken off air at the end of 1995. The transmitters are still available. The 49 m transmitter carried the famous German language programme Radio Luxemburg, as well as some religious programming. The 19 m transmitter started in 1939, and carried the French language RTL programme. A.S. / 3 September 2001

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[BDXC-UK] Luxembourg project - Eric responds re possible use of shortwave

Mike, Having a SW transmitter is one thing. However, once a tx is unused for a while the process for re-use requires the approval of the governing body for SW. This group spends months every year planning the use of SW --- you should see the paperwork.
Regards (Eric tesug@cix.co.uk Sept 4 via Terry, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** MEXICO. Glenn, Came across this great site that has off air mp3/ra audio files of "Wolfman Jack". A number when he was on XERF.

<http://www.wolfmanjack.org/audio/> Regards, (David Zantow, Janesville, WI, WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. As of 1550 UT Mon Sept 3, MUF hitting ch 2 from Mexico. At 1604 UT I caught a brief super ID in lower right corner which said something like XEZ / C2 / QRO. This was on ch 2, not ch 3. So has Querétaro relay moved from ch 3, where I see Danny still has it? 73, (Glenn, Sept 3, WTFDA list via DXLD)

Glenn, That is a good possibility. (Remember when XHY Mérida was on 3?) Or it could be a new relay. Fernando has provided information of relays (like the channels 2 and 4 in Saltillo) that are not listed in the official government data.

I'm going to add this information to my website, with you listed as contributor (if you don't mind). (Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA, ibid.)

** MEXICO. So...Daylight Shifting is in trouble in México City! 73- (Bill Westenhaver, DXLD)
Supreme Court Kills City's Daylight Savings [sic]
http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/nm/20010905/od/time_dc_1.html
(via DXLD)

** MOROCCO. The monitored longwave station on 171 was certainly Medi-1 from Morocco, parallel to and co-located with 9575. There are no longer European transmitters on 171; the last active one was Sasnovy in Belarus' and fell silent when Radio-1 declined. Regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOZAMBIQUE. It seems that Mozambique has joined the sad list of African countries (including neighboring Malawi) that are off shortwave (Chris Greenway, Kenya, East African Report, Sept British DX Club Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. New chief editor at Radio Netherlands | Text of press release by Radio Netherlands on 5 September

Hilversum, 5 September: From 1 September Freek Eland (51) has been appointed chief editor of the Wereldomroep [Radio Netherlands World Service]. Eland will be responsible for the day-to-day management and chief responsibility of the general radio editorial office, as well of the languages, interactive, music and television departments. Reactions to his appointment have been positive.

Freek Eland has been working for the Wereldomroep since 1991, first as a general reporter and political editor and later as manager of the editorial office. Before he worked for the VARA and Teleac. In

the 80s he was chief of radio programming and deputy managing director of the RVU. Eland studied psychology at University of Utrecht and the University of Florida. He teaches International Management at the HES (Higher Economic School) in Rotterdam. Source: Radio Netherlands press release, Hilversum, in Dutch 5 Sep 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. Radio New Zealand International (RNZI) operates from a 100-kW transmitter at Rangitaiki near Taupo. News bulletins are broadcast on the hour. Some programming is relayed from National Radio - the main domestic service of Radio New Zealand. Certain transmissions are also available via the World Radio Network. RNZI programmes are also carried on many rebroadcasters in the Pacific.

Live RealAudio is available between these times (GMT):

Sunday 1100-1305 and 1900-2230;

Monday to Thursday 0300-0400, 0800-0900, 1100-1305 and 1700-2230

Friday 2100-2105 and 1700-2010

Saturday 1100-1305

This schedule, based on information from RNZI, is valid until 28 October 2001. Languages : English

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0000-0458	Daily	ENGLISH	Au	Ter: 17.675
0459-0705	Daily	ENGLISH	Au	Ter: 15.340
0706-1105	Daily	ENGLISH	Au	Ter: 9.885
1106-1305	Daily	ENGLISH	AsAu	Ter: 11.675
1306-1650	Irregular	ENGLISH	Au	Ter: 6.095
		(Occasional sports broadcasts)		
1650-1850	.MTuWThF.	ENGLISH	Au	Ter: 9.825
1851-2215	Daily	ENGLISH	Au	Ter: 15.160
2216-2359	Daily	ENGLISH	Au	Ter: 17.675

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** NICARAGUA. Two Hop TV-DX to Massachusetts

I never know what I'm going to find in the mail. This morning I picked up a small box and it turned out to be a videotape from Roy Barstow on Cape Cod and had a bunch of very nice tropo catches he saw on 8/26 and 8/31 of this year. I'm talking about snow-free reception from W57AQ Calais, ME, WKFT-40 Fayetteville NC, WRAZ-50 Raleigh NC, WNCN-17 in NC plus ch 58/52 in Digby NS only 9kw!

But.....this is the good one. Roy also enclosed a copy of his 2 hop

reception of Ch 2 Managua, Nicaragua on July 5th, 2000 (remember that date? That's the date a bunch of us got FM two hop into Mexico; Monterrey in my case).

The tape lasts around 3-4 minutes. It starts off with mostly CCI and you see two men talking...one with a white shirt and one wearing a suit. Some English audio breaking through at times. After a short while the picture stabilizes...and you see the 2 bug in the lower right corner and the TVN logo on the lower left corner. The picture then just locks perfect...no CCI, hardly any ghosting and it looks like WPBT does here in the summer. The logos are just staring at you. Then out of nowhere, the video switches to WPBT but the audio stays Spanish for at least 30 secs, then WPBT overtakes it completely. Honestly, it's enough to make you wanna cry :)

I'd guess the distance at around 2200 miles. I would never have guessed. It looked like single hop. I will NEVER look at WPBT again in the same way. [Miami, a common catch] (-- Mike Bugaj - Enfield, CT USA, WTFDA Circulation via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Technical, financial problems keep Highlands radios off air | Excerpt from report by Korugl-Kumugl carried on Papua New Guinea newspaper The National web site on 4 September

Chronic technical and financial problems have led to the shutdown of four important radio stations in the Highlands. More than 2 million people in the country rely on these radio stations for information on national issues including the electoral reforms and privatization, and the fear is that such vital information is not reaching the bulk of them...

The radio stations that are not on air are Radio Eastern Highlands [3395], Radio Simbu [3355], Radio Western Highlands [3375] and Radio Southern Highlands [3275]. Radio Enga [2410] is still operating, but on a 4,000 kina budget and this was affecting the quality of its programmes.

[gh inserted frequencies above from 1998 WRTH; PNG press tends to run a month or two behind DX observations of inactivity, so are any back?]

Senior NBC [National Broadcasting Corporation] officers said not only were important government policies [not] translated to the rural people, they were denied basic and essential information on commodity prices, mother and child health visits, time calls, shipping and weather reports, and community announcements and messages.

Elcom [the Electricity Commission] switched the power off to the

studio and office complex of Radio Simbu over outstanding bills, while Telikom has pulled the plug on all telephone lines in the provincial stations - also for outstanding phone bills. Damage to transmitter facilities in Eastern Highlands and Southern Highlands forced the local radio stations to go off air. The officers said the equipment which was left idle is at the mercy of pests, while in some provinces the corporation was losing all its houses to the National Housing Corporation or to the traditional landowners.

The NBC, according to the staff, require about 15m kina each year to operate at full capacity and in recent years it has been given no more than 7m kina to operate. They claim the provincial stations require a budget of 500,000 kina to operate successfully.

Source: The National web site, Port Moresby, in English 4 Sep 01 (via BBCM via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Employees warn broadcaster's independence under threat | Text of report from Papua New Guinea Post-Courier web site on 6 September

The national government must respect the independence of the National Broadcasting Corporation, employees said yesterday. And the employees have expressed insecurity over their jobs at NBC as they claim the NBC board had made a decision at the end of last month that the management would absorb all editorial powers - which started at the beginning of this month.

"This is posing a dangerous trend for those immediately affected, especially being dictated what and what not to air," the meeting heard.

The staff are seeking support from the Communication Workers' Union for a case to be arranged to be taken up with the government on the matter --- following last month's suspension of news director Joe Ealedona by new NBC managing director Dr Kristoffa Ninkama for allowing the airing several anti-government programmes. Mr Ealedona was suspended for allowing reports on the student unrest protesting the privatization and land mobilization programmes, the broadcasting of the launch of the unions' Labour Party and the PNG Defence Force stand-off with the government earlier this year.

More than 100 NBC employees attended a lunch-hour meeting yesterday to pass resolutions to take up a case with the union. A decision was made to ask the government to respect the independence of NBC. The employees claimed NBC would be in "danger" of being "solely controlled" and the future of journalists and other employees jeopardized.

"NBC has always enjoyed its freedom of information dissemination for the last 25 years," the meeting was told by other staff members. The staff meet again tomorrow to discuss the progress discussions on issues to be taken up to the government by the Communication Workers' Union.

Source: Papua New Guinea Post-Courier web site, Port Moresby, in English 6 Sep 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Glenn, afternoons 1800-2100 VOR best freq here is 11980, and that is only fair. VOR is on 11980 only between 2000-2100. The freqs that may make it here between 1800-2000 (1700-2000 Sat & Sun), such as 9820 and 7310/7400/7420, are too low for NAm. But worth checking out as the hours of darkness increase. 7180 0100+ coming in very well (Ivan Grishin, Ont., Sept 3, WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. VOR preview: MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

This time round we are going on a fun tour of the very fascinating 17th century Russia. There was a kind of a musical revolution then happening in this country with the Russian professional music suddenly giving up its centuries-old uniqueness for the more conventional European music language resulting in what has since changed the entire history of the Russian art. Tune in to the next edition of MUSIC AND MUSICIANS and see how it all happened

The program can be heard on Saturday, September 15, at 1610 UT. It will be repeated on Sunday, September 16, at 0810, 1710, and 2010, and also on Monday, September 17, at 0710.

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** RUSSIA. DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK). Confirmed R. Gardarika tonight with excellent reception on the new freq 7420 khz from 1800 s/on. Often IDs as "Radio Studio" rather than Gardarika (Dave Kenny, Caversham, England, BDXC-UK Sept 5 via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

9940, Radio Gardarika --- Large full-data (but no site) "St. Petersburg - the Palace Square" card in 32 days by post for E-mail report. Signer: Dimitri Vasyliiev, SW Project Mgr. (Bill Flynn, OR, Sep. 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SINGAPORE/INDONESIA/MALAYSIA. An independent Singapore radio news service took to the airwaves on August 31, broadcasting via Indonesia

to provide an alternative to the city-state's tightly-controlled media. Singapore Independent News Service, or Sinews, the brainchild of a group of social activists, will cover the whole spectrum of local news. It will broadcast through independent Indonesian news service Radio 68H.

Radio stations must seek the approval of the Singapore Broadcasting Authority to set up shop on the island. The city-state has 18 free-to-air radio stations which are either pro-government or government affiliated with the exception of the BBC World Service. Other print and mass media are equally tightly controlled. Sinews will air in English and Malay twice a week on 102.3FM. Its debut program addressed media censorship in Singapore. It hopes to provide daily 15-minute programs by January 1.

In neighboring Malaysia, the RadiqRadio.com group recently launched its own independent news service, using the same system to broadcast from Indonesia. RadiqRadio, which will launch officially on September 8, is run by the local Center for Investigative Journalism. For now its daily 15-minute program in Malay language can only be heard by some communities in southern Johore state and on Borneo island, or via the Internet (Reuters via SCDX/MediaScan Sept 4 via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

** SUDAN. In the latest edition of the BDXC's communication magazine Robert Petraitis (Klaipeda, Lithuania) reported hearing Sudan on 1566 and suggested it may be the harmonic of 783 kHz :

from medium wave logbook: Sept 2001 1566 khz 1935 utc Sudan NBC-Atbara. (2nd harmonic?). AA popular mx, ID-"Huna idha'at webi ar al-sudan, idha' atikum al-muqadala" sign off always at 2002 AA

Anyone know anything more about this possible Sudanese harmonic on 1566? It's an amazing thought; can anyone hear/disprove this? 73's (Tim Bucknall, UK, harmonics yahooogroup via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD) Later: not certain, but seems to be new 1566 transmitter (Bucknall, ibid.)

** SWEDEN. RADIO SWEDEN -- Coming up on Radio Sweden:

In "Money Matters" on Wednesday we'll be looking at the agreement on the new budget between Sweden's minority Social Democratic government and its Left and Green Party allies in parliament. The proposal includes a reduction in the VAT on books from 25 percent to 6 percent.

In "Nordic Report" on Thursday, we join up with Radio Finland, and against the background of the recent royal wedding in Norway, to

investigate the status of monarchy in the region.

As usual on Friday we have our review of the newsweek gone by.

On Saturday in our monthly current affairs magazine "Sweden Today", we'll be taking up the Swedish economy and trade links with the United States, the debate over stem cell research, new revelations about old ties between the Social Democrat party and military intelligence, the woes of the Scandinavian Airlines System, crayfish parties, and much more.

On Sunday, you'll have a new chance to meet Lisa Miskovski and check out the latest in party fashion, in a repeat broadcast of "Sounds Nordic".

We're also happy to report to our Russian listeners, that starting very soon, our 13:00 hrs UTC broadcast in Russian will be available in RealAudio, so you won't have to wait until night before you can hear that day's program over the web. (SCDX/MediaScan Sept 4 via DXLD)

** TANZANIA. R. Tanzania is now on both 5050 and 5985 throughout the day, altho 5985 is unreliable. 7280 has not been heard and appears to have been replaced by 5985 (Chris Greenway, Kenya, East Africa Report, Sept BDXC Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD) see also ZANZIBAR

** TIBET. CHINA 5950.0 Xizang PBS 0410 news in Mandarin presented by female; I've said it before and I'll say it again - the language IS NOT TIBETAN as listed virtually everywhere!!! (sorry, every now and then I'm getting a bit worked up about this. I've taught English to Tibetan refugee kids in Kathmandu for years, so I definitely know Tibetan, besides - the Chinese are working hard at making the Tibetans a minority in their own country and try to rob them of their cultural identity - they're not succeeding !!! The only broadcasts in Tibetan these days are from foreign stations and clandestines and are heavily jammed in the target area) 73 de (Thomas, DL1CQ, Roth, FISTS #6402, CC #1036 AGCW-DL #2943 52:27N - 09:42E
<http://www.qsl.net/dl4obn> swl@qth.net via DXLD)

Agreed about the Chinese genocidal agenda, but I sure thought there were still some broadcasts in Tibetan language, from Tibet, and the Minority language service, if not this particular one! (gh, DXLD)

** TOGO. 5047 kHz, Radio Lomé, time only letter with verification statement "In a nutshell all the facts contained in your letter are right and we thank you very much for the feedback", v/s Batchoudi Mabilaba-Head of Programmes, in 11 months 5 weeks after f/u mailed

from Cuba, v/s said he received my original Oct/00 report but "We beg to state that the unwarranted delay was due to the volume of letters flooding our office". He was "delighted and surprised" to know they are heard in Western Canada. Received a well used tourist map of Togo that had been hung on a wall (Joe Talbot, Canada, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. As I speak and or type here, the Voice of Turkey is on the air at 0300 GMT on 9650. I heard a YL with the news followed her giving an ID at around 0311 hrs and continued with news to 0315. Then another YL came on with comments that dealt with classical music and an empress at 0315. My SIO rating was 433. Hope that you were able to tune them in and get a better signal than I did. Good Listening and DX! (Stewart H. MacKenzie - WDX6AA, CA, swl@qth.net Sept 4 via DXLD) ex-11655 to NAm (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

** UKRAINE. RUI remained on 12040 Sept 3 0000 (Ivan Grishin, Ont., Sept 3, WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U A E. Still active at 0330-0347 in English. I hear it 3, 4, 5 out of 7 days (or better) depending on propagation conditions. I hope to Allah that Merlin doesn't grab their sites for Dubai service (Bob Thomas, CT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Bush House open day Sat Sept 22
http://londonopenhouse.londonweb.net/display.cfm?building_id=1561
BBC Bush House
Address: Aldwych WC2
Opening Times: Sat 10 am-5 pm

Tour Times/Pre Booking: Tours every 10/20 mins. NB Studios not included.

Last Entry: Last entry 4.30pm.

Max no of Visitors: Max 15 per tour.

Description: Built by American businessman Irving T Bush as a trade centre, Bush House has been the home of BBC World Service since 1940.

Architect: Helmlé and Corbett

Transport Details: Tube: Holborn, Embankment; Rail: Waterloo, Charing Cross; 1,9,13,15,176,188

Year: 1925-35.

Key : B D

Key Code: A = Poetry/Performance, B = Bookshop, C = Children's Activities, D = Disabled Access, L = Lecture, N = Open to the Public every or most days and free of charge, P = Parking, Q = Long Queues envisaged, R = Refreshments, T = Toilets, W = Walk
(via Larry Nebron, Sept 5, swprograms via DXLD)

BBCWS sadly does not do tours except on this one day. This is part of national 'open day(s)' in the UK and in most of the rest of Western Europe. Sadly the tour does not include the studios, but just getting in is great.

I have a chance to hear BBCWS in good audio 24 hours a day on the Net. Also I can watch BBC World TV 24 hours a day on the net. I can listen ten hours a day in great audio quality on FM on two FM stations and a half hour a day of BBC World TV news on Channel 60 in the SF Bay Area. Depends on where you live! (Larry Nebron, swprograms via DXLD)

** U K [non]. In WOR1095 Glen[n] mentioned about Fi Glover's book "I am an Oil Tanker". Please note that despite its spelling, her Christian name is actually pronounced "fee". Mind you, Glen[n] is not alone, as my speech synthesiser also mispronounces her Christian name in the same way. (Paul David, 020 8933 9126 swprograms via DXLD) How do you know she is Christian?

Just got our review copy today. Look for a review at <http://www.medianetwork.nl> shortly. I guess Fi is short for Fiona (Andy Sennitt, ibid.)

** U K [non]. From <http://radioezra.members.easyspace.com/>

Radio Ezra carries the broadcasts for the Water Into Wine Ministry radio outreach. It is completely independent of any religious group or organisation. The next series of broadcasts is as follows:

Frequency: 12110 kHz

Time and Days (UTC): 0900-0930 Sundays from 7th October 2001 until 30th December 2001

Transmitter Location: Tavrichanka (Vladivostok), Russia

Global Coordinates: 131.54E 43.20N

Output Power: 100 kW

Type: HR 2/2/0.5

Azimuth: 140 degrees

Target Zone/Coverage: Eastern Indonesia, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Nauru, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Fiji, Western Samoa, Tonga, French Polynesia and all island territories of the South Pacific.

The Priest/Scribe Ezra relates the story of two returns from Babylon - the first led by Zerubbabel to rebuild the temple, and the second under the leadership of Ezra himself, to rebuild the spiritual condition of the people. As it was, only a remnant bothered to return in either case.

My message, like Ezra's, is to rebuild the spiritual condition of the people of God. To call the lost sheep of Spiritual Israel out of the false, pagan amalgamating church world and back onto the narrow road that leads to eternal life. ...

The controversy surrounding the transmitting facility [of the previous series of broadcasts] is over as far as I'm concerned. The information given out by me was correct all along. The site was Wavre in Belgium and not Bulgaria as was the rumour. End of story. John D. Hill

(thanks to a tip from Jan Nieuwenhuis, Radio & Internet Newsletter. Since this directly contradicts what Frans Vossen of RVi has told us, I have asked him for his response. No reply so far -- gh, DXLD)

** U S A. WWCR's new September program guide was posted first in pdf so I looked thru that and found WOR still at same times. The Arabic Baptist Church show mentioned previously now appears as ``God Is Love`` with Esper Ajaj, no language specified but presumably Arabic, M-F at 1000-1100 on 15685. Not only are we seldom awake, but WWCR doesn't like to propagate this way on 15685 at 1100, let alone at 1000, so perhaps some easterlies can check this out and those understanding it can evaluate whether it be strictly religious, or political. Altho ETH is in the language key at the bottom, we could find no listings in the new schedule for any Ethiopian programs, e.g. Thursday 2100 as in August (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WJCR: Both the 7490 and 13595 transmitters are back up and running --- although at reduced power. I'll cut a special QSL card for anyone reporting reception while at low power. (Less than 2 kW ERP!) Reports should go to WJCR, P. O. 91, Upton, KY, 42784, USA. We'll be at this low power until we can complete repairs, which many occur as early as this weekend (Larry Baysinger, WJCR, Sep 5, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** U S A. The projected SW station World For Christ Radio may have to get a callsign other than WFCR. As anyone familiar with public radio should know, that belongs to a station in Amherst MA, now standing for Five Colleges Radio, which BTW is celebrating its 40th anniversary: <http://www.wfcr.org/40years.html> At 1647 UT Sept 5 when I checked the site, I was startled to see the claim ``Now on WFCR: All Things Considered``! Their stupid computer must think mine be set on EDT. Rather provincial for a worldwide webcaster (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [clandestine]. Dear friends, Due to a transmitter failure this past Saturday, we will be repeating the following Far Right Radio Review program:

James Latham and Carlie Rose Ketchum investigate United Patriot Radio, an unlicensed, illegal clandestine shortwave radio station operating in Somerset Kentucky.

Features:

- * A detailed history of United Patriot Radio and station owner Steve Anderson who has links to the Kentucky State Militia and the Posse Comitatus
- * Carlie Rose Ketchum reports of new changes on the UPR website
- * A psychological evaluation of Steve Anderson by a professional psychiatrist
- * James Latham debunks the famous Pinckney diaries, which has been used as key evidence by many factions of the far right as proof that the founding founders were anti-Semitic.

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Thursday, 6 Sept: 1900
Friday, 7 Sept: 0100, 0700, 1300
Saturday, 8 Sept: 2030
Sunday, 9 Sept: 0230, 0830, 1430

Our apologies for any inconvenience

(RFPI, <http://www.rfpi.org> Rfpi-announce mailing list via DXLD) I already heard it on their web archive; very interesting (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

Dear List Members:

P.T. Barnum thought all publicity was good but the constant referrals to the location of Steve Anderson's illegal broadcasts "in Somerset Kentucky" bother me.

It is a small matter, but Anderson's home and transmitter are about 18 miles from Somerset, although still within Pulaski County. The transmitter is actually closer to Mount Vernon, Kentucky, the county seat of Rockcastle County, than it is to Somerset. But I suppose the folks in Mount Vernon don't want the association either. Just to set the record straight, (Dexter Alexander, WA4FSE, (who does live in Somerset, Kentucky), swprograms Sept 5 via DXLD)

** U S A. Observatory's Hams to Use Historical Replica Antenna for Special Event

SOCORRO, NM, Sep 6, 2001--The National Radio Astronomy Observatory Amateur Radio Club will make use of a historical antenna replica and

call sign for a special event the weekend of September 15-16 from Green Bank, West Virginia. The NRAO club will use a full-size replica of the antenna that Karl Jansky used in 1932 to detect radio emissions from beyond Earth for the first time. And it will use W9GFZ, the call sign once held by Grote Reber, who built the first radio astronomy antenna.

The Jansky replica antenna is on display at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, where the Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope --- the world's largest fully steerable antenna --- is being commissioned. W9GFZ, now held by the NRAO club in Socorro, will take to the air September 15 and 16 on 21.320 MHz (SSB), plus or minus QRM.

The Jansky array did not start out to be a radio telescope antenna. In 1928, Karl Jansky was hired by Bell Telephone Laboratories and given the task of locating sources of interference to shortwave radio links carrying transatlantic telephone conversations. He built a highly directional, rotatable antenna--called a Bruce array--and began analyzing noise sources at 20.5 MHz. He identified shortwave noise coming from both nearby and distant thunderstorms, as well as a faint, steady hiss. By 1932, he identified this faint hiss as coming from the center of our own Milky Way galaxy.

When the news went public, Jansky's discovery of radio emission from the cosmos not only made page one news in The New York Times of May 5, 1933, it excited Reber --- then a radio engineer in Wheaton, Illinois. In 1937, Reber --- who will turn 90 this December 22 --- built the first dedicated radio-astronomy antenna --- a 31.4-foot-diameter parabolic dish --- in his back yard.

In the 1960s, the NRAO dedicated a full-scale replica of Jansky's antenna built by the same carpenter who had worked on the Bell Labs' original, which had vanished sometime during the 1950s. The site of Jansky's antenna in Holmdel, New Jersey was rediscovered a few years ago. In 1998, Bell Labs dedicated a monument at the location to Jansky, who died in 1950 at the age of 44.

The NRAO replica of Jansky's antenna is a working Bruce array that can be operated efficiently on the amateur 15-meter band. NRAO hams have used it several times in the past, but it has not been put on the air in a number of years.

The special event station will operate starting on September 15 at approximately 1300 UTC for as long as propagation lasts. Operation will resume at the same time the next day and continue until approximately 1600.

A QSL card is available. To obtain one, send your QSL and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to W9GFZ, NRAO Amateur Radio Club, National Radio Astronomy Observatory, PO Box 0, Socorro, NM 87801.-- Dave Finley, N1IRZ (ARRL via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DXLD)

** VATICAN. Musical programs from VR in Sept at 1430 on 5885, 7250, 9645: Sats, Focus on Music; Tues, Summer Songs; Wed 12th, Music and Journals; Wed 26th, New Music; Thu, Jazz Files, from Dixieland to today (St-Efano Valianti, Southern European Report, Sept BDXC Commuication via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. Estimado Don Guillermo, Este corto y r-pido e-mail, es para notificarle que ya empezamos a recibir los reportes para Radio Amazonas. Quisiera que por favor le indicara a todos los colegas diexistas del mundo, que estamos confirmando las QSLs siempre y cuando - nos envíen solamente 3 IRCs y no dólares. °Por cierto! para aquellas personas que est-n envi-ndonos cassettes grabados con la emisi-ñ de Radio Amazonas, los mismos son bienvenidos, pero desgraciadamente tendr-n que enviarnos 5 IRCs para confirmarles, ya que la oficina postal de correos nos impone un impuesto por todos los paquetes recibidos a nuestra direcci-ñ. Les comento que el correo en Venezuela es uno de lo servicios m-s costosos del mundo, y su eficiencia deja mucho que desear. Hay tres diexistas que hasta el momento nos han enviado sus reportes pero en este momentos no tengo sus nombres, uno de Suecia que colabora para Radio Vaticano, El otro es brasileño pero radicado en Nueva York y por 'ltimo Sergey Kolesov de Ucrania, cuyo nombre sí me acuerdo. Para ellos Don Guillermo, le agradecería que publicara este mensaje y sepan que en las pr-ùximas semanas estar-n recibiendo su QSL. Así que un poco de paciencia. Muchas gracias Don Guillermo y seguimos en contacto. 73s. (Jorge García Rangel. Banda Tropical. Editor Dx. Barinas, Venezuela. E-mail: jorge.garcia@rocketmail.com Sept 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Says he has sent out three proxy QSLs for R. Amazonas, and that those sending cassette tapes need to enclose 5 IRCs since the Venez PO imposes a tariff on them]

** VIETNAM. V. of Vietnam, 15685, full ID in English at 1626 Aug 6, SIO 333 (Steve Calver, Letchworth, England, BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) ???!! Never known them on this frequency, bad news for WWCR if true; maybe as jammer, down from 15690? (gh, DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. Glenn, a recent update on W Sahara situation. W Sahara parties have been meeting with WS Ambassador James Baker in Wyoming, USA recently. Thought it might apply since it came from Polisario radio (via a Western Sahara newsgroup that I subscribe to). (Since all I can listen to these days is a YB 400, my DX pickings are slim). Cheers. (John Shanley, Writer/

Producer, MARC USA/Pittsburgh, Sept 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Date: Wed, 5 Sep 2001 15:55:26 +0200

From: The Norwegian Support Committee for Western Sahara
wsahara@online.no

Subject: Saharan official comments on Wyoming talks

Saharan official comments on Wyoming talks - Algerian report

Text of report by Polisario radio on 4 September

Source: National Radio of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic in
Arabic 2300 gmt 4 Sep 01

At the end of the recent round of talks in the American State of Wyoming, the brother member of the National Secretariat, the Saharan coordinator with the Minurso [United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara], M'hamed Khaddad, has given an exclusive statement to the Algerian daily newspaper El Watan in which he touched on the most important points discussed in this meeting. The statement said:

The Wyoming meeting enabled us to discuss the Polisario Front's proposals on the difficulties preventing the implementation of the UN peace plan with Mr [James] Baker in a detailed manner.

Within this framework, we stressed that the peace plan always remained applicable if the sides naturally had a political will; mainly if the decision-making countries at the Security Council were commitment, as it was the case in East Timor and other parts of the world for defending international legality. The double standards policy was unimportant and unacceptable.

Regarding the last Moroccan proposal included in Kofi Annan's report, which is called the framework agreement, we clearly reiterated that it neither constitute a solution to the conflict nor a way towards solving it, because it simply meant integration.

The difficulties encountering Morocco could not again constitute a justification for sacrificing the Saharan people, as it was the case in [19]75, in favour of the expansionist and arrogant monarchy in a part of the Arab Maghreb region.

Mr Baker is planning to hold new contacts with the sides in the coming weeks. We think that he is exerting valuable efforts to solve the conflict, and we shall continue cooperation within this framework in order to [guarantee] respect for the Saharan people's inalienable rights to self-determination and independence and for a durable and just peace in the region.

Source: National Radio of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic in Arabic 2300 gmt 4 Sep 01 (via Shanley, DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. V. of Tanzania, is on 6015, not 6105 as listed [where?]. It only appears to be used in the morning until 0600 (Chris Greenway, Kenya, East Africa Report, Sept BDXC Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1095, DXLD)

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EUROPEAN DX COUNCIL SITE

You carry info on the EDXC web (see below) in DXLD 1-120 Sept 3. This is really old news! See further full story at <http://www.hard-core-dx.com/news/edxcweb.html> and <http://www.hard-core-dx.com/news/edxturmoil.html> (Hermod Pedersen, hard-core-dx Sept 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, another FAKE of the anti-EDXC Milano group homepage people ? 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, DXLD) #####